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# CONSTITUTION.

(ADOPTED IN 1878.)

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**ARTICLE 1.** This Association shall be known as the Shiawassee Baptist Association, and shall be composed of Baptist churches in fellowship with the denomination, and each church shall be entitled to three delegates, and an additional delegate for every fifty members.

**ART. 2.** This Association has no power as a *legislative* body, but as an *independent* body has power to govern itself, and disclaims all interference with the particular discipline of individual churches. Yet we deem it our privilege to judge for ourselves of the propriety of continuing any church in our connection.

**ART. 3.** The objects of this Association shall be to gather information in regard to the state of the churches, both as it respects *statistics* and *religion*, to promote Christian fellowship, and to sustain the various benevolent objects connected with the promotion of Christ's kingdom.

**ART. 4.** This Association shall, by delegation of churches, meet annually on the first Wednesday and Thursday of June, and shall hold such other meetings as the body may direct.

**ART. 5.** The officers shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, and Associational Superintendent, to be elected annually, to continue in office until others are elected.

**ART. 6.** Each church shall send with its delegates a letter containing an account of its numerical changes and generally what pertains to its peace and prosperity, and money for minutes. Any church neglecting to do this for three successive years shall be dropped from the minutes.

**ART. 7.** Churches giving satisfactory evidence of being sound in doctrine and correct in practice may, on application, be admitted into this Association.

**ART. 8.** This constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at the previous annual meeting.

## RULES OF ORDER.

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I. In the absence of any of the officers of the Association, others shall be elected to fill their places *pro tempore*.

II. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by nomination or by ballot, as the Association may direct.

III. Brethren invited to a seat in the Association may debate on all questions, but vote on none.

IV. No person shall speak more than once on any subject, unless by special permission from the Moderator.

V. Every proposition submitted to the Association for discussion must be put in the form of a motion, and not debated until seconded.

VI. No motion shall be discussed if such discussion be opposed by a majority of the members present. A motion to suspend business shall always be in order.

VII. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless the Association shall otherwise direct.

VIII. The minutes of the meeting shall be read and corrected before the rising of the Association.

IX. At every sitting, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer, under the direction of the Moderator.

X. The order of business at each annual meeting of the Association shall be as follows:

First—The introductory service and organization.

Second—The rules of order read.

Third—A committee on religious service to arrange a programme for the next anniversary, the chairman of said committee to be pastor of the church where the Association is held.

Fourth—Letters from the churches read.

Fifth—Sunday-school reports and exercises.

Sixth—Application for admission into the Association received.

Seventh—The appointment of the following committees: 1. A committee of three on the circular letter. 2. A committee of three on digest of letters. 3. A committee on resolutions. 4. A committee of three on nominations, which committee shall designate the place of the next annual meeting, the preacher of the introductory sermon, and the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

Eighth—Communications from corresponding bodies received.

Ninth—Reports of committees called for.

Tenth—Miscellaneous business.

Eleventh—Reading the minutes of the Association.

XI. All churches neglecting to represent themselves to this body for two years in succession shall be visited by a committee chosen for the purpose, who shall report at the next annual meeting.

XII. Any article of this order may be suspended for consideration of other business by a vote of the Association.

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## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay over all moneys that are or may come into his hands to the several agents to whom said money belongs, and take a receipt therefor.

*Resolved*, That any member of this Association whose name is in the minutes, present at the meeting of any Association with which we correspond, shall be a delegate to that body.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to forward the minutes to each Association and corresponding body in the State.

*Resolved*, That churches requesting admission to this Association be required to show a formal recognition from a council of regular Baptist churches convened for such purpose.

THE FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

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Wednesday, June 7, 1882.

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MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Pastor at 10:30 A. M. In the absence of the officers, Rev. E. Curtiss was chosen Moderator, and Rev. A. R. Hicks, Clerk, *pro tem*.

The Chair appointed Revs. H. A. Rose and A. R. Hicks and Dea. W. White a Committee on Nomination of Officers.

Rev. M. H. DeWitt, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, not being able to attend, Rev. T. S. Leonard, of Owosso, was invited to preach. He accepted, and discoursed from Rom. v: 1, giving a clear and forcible view of Justification. He was assisted in the opening service by Revs. E. Curtiss and W. L. Farnum.

A collection was then taken, amounting to \$9.33 for the printing of minutes of the State Convention.

The Committee on Nominations reported names of officers, and after some amendments the following were elected: Moderator, Rev. R. R. Coon, Sen.; Clerk, Rev. A. H. Parsons; Assistant Clerk, Dea. J. O. Palmer; Treasurer, W. White; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. T. S. Leonard.

Rev. W. L. Farnum was appointed to read the letters from the churches.

The Chair appointed Revs. R. H. Covert, Geo. Atchinson, and W. N. Welker, Committee on Order of Service.

The letter of welcome from Shepardsville was then read.

Adjourned to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Prayer by the Moderator.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Moderator elect took the chair, called to order, and made appropriate remarks. Sung "All the way my Savior leads me."

The following Committees were then announced: 1, Committee on religious service for next annual meeting—Pastor of church where meeting will be held, and Revs. T. S. Leonard and E. Curtiss. 2, On Obituaries—Rev. W. S. Everest and Deas. J. O. Palmer and J. Parmenter. 3, On Nominations of time, place of next meeting, and delegates to State Convention—Revs. I. Horton and Wm. Sharp and Dea. W. White. 4, On Resolutions—Revs. Geo. Atchinson and T. T. Howd and Dea. Charles Yerkes.

The usual invitation was extended to visiting brethren. Accepted by Rev. E. D. Rundall, State S. S. Missionary; Rev. A. E. Mather, of Battle Creek; Rev. J. E. Gault, of Birmingham; Rev. S. E. Lane, of U. B. church, St. Johns; and Rev. A. Burt, of U. B. church, Shepardsville.

The letters from the churches were read. A short discussion was had on the subject of discipline and diminution of membership, participated in by several.

Rev. S. A. Northrop presented the subject of Christian education, and a collection was taken for that object, amounting to \$13.20.

Rev. A. E. Mather (followed by Brn. E. D. Rundell and others) presented State missions, after which pledges were taken of \$92.00 and collection \$21.50 to help build a house of worship at Bad Axe.

Adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer by Rev. H. A. Rose.

## EVENING SESSION.

Met at 7:00 and spent one-half hour in prayer and conference, led by Rev. W. N. Welker. A large number took part, and all felt it good to be there.

At 7:30 Moderator called to order and read a portion of scripture. Bro. A. R. Hicks offered prayer. The choir led in singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood."

The first part of the evening was devoted to Sunday-school Work, led by State S. S. Missionary. Brn. W. L. Farnum, H. A. Rose, and T. S. Leonard gave us earnest words, and the leader closed this subject, presenting some excellent thoughts.

The remainder of this session was given to the presentation of reports of Woman's Mission Work. Miss Vesta V. Potter, of Lansing, read Annual Report of Home Mission Work, closing with earnest words of counsel. Cheers of the audience followed. Miss L. Parmenter, of Vernon, read an excellent report on Foreign



Missions, including reports of circles in the association. Sung a missionary hymn.

Rev. T. S. Leonard was elected Associational S. S. Superintendent, and Brn. A. R. Hicks, M. Reynolds, Wm. Sharp, and R. H. Covert were appointed an Executive Committee on Sunday-schools.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow at 8:30 A. M.

Singing led by choir, and benediction by the Moderator.

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Thursday, June 8, 1882.

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MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8:30 A. M. Devotions led by Bro. Rundell.

Moderator called to order at 9:15. Rev. J. E. Gault offered prayer.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Accepted and adopted. (See page 10.)

Committee on Nominations, etc., report that the next annual meeting be held at Vernon, commencing the first Wednesday in June next. Delegates to the State Convention: Rev. I. Horton, Dea. W. White, and Rev. Wm. Sharp. Director: Rev. H. A. Rose. Adopted.

- Committee on Religious Service report that Rev. W. N. Welker preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. A. Rupert be alternate, at the next annual meeting.

The minutes were read and corrected.

Treasurer's report read and accepted.

A collection of about \$6.00 was taken and handed to Bro. Atchinson to make up a deficiency for printing and distributing the minutes of last year.

The Committee on Religious Service further report recommending that a Sunday-school Convention be held in connection with next annual meeting, and that Tuesday afternoon and evening preceding the meeting be given to this convention. Adopted.

Committee on Resolutions reported (see page 11), which were discussed separately and adopted.

A collection was taken for Foreign Missions, of \$9.21.

A Committee on Temperance Work in the Association was appointed, viz.: Revs. I. Horton, R. H. Covert, and W. A. Rupert.

Listened to a sermon by Rev. W. A. Rupert, from Luke xxiv: 32, "Did not our heart burn within us?" Prayer by Rev. I. R. Spencer. Remarks and benediction by the Moderator.

Adjourned to meet next year at Vernon, on the first Wednesday of June, at 10:30 A. M. Sunday-school Convention the day previous, afternoon and evening.

A. H. PARSONS, *Clerk.*

R. R. COON, SEN.,  
*Moderator.*

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### DIGEST OF LETTERS.

*Antrim.*—Few in numbers. Still enjoy the labors of Bro. S. C. Davis. Expect to build a house of worship soon. Have taken hold of the plow determined not to look back.

*Bath.*—Still weak, but are in sympathy with missions and pledge to contribute *cheerfully* according to our ability. Pastor Hicks still with us. Held a series of meetings last winter, resulting in great good. Have two prayer meetings a week.

*Bengal and Riley.*—Received statistics only.

*Byron.*—Are at peace among ourselves. Most of the membership attend Sunday-school. Bro. M. H. DeWitt closed his pastorate in March, and Bro. Isaac Horton commenced in April.

*Chesaning.*—The past year has been one of sorrows and joys. Bro. Wm. Sharp settled with us as pastor January last. Are building a house of worship. Rejoice that former discouragements have seemingly disappeared. Also that many friends in the community extend to us liberal aid.

*Corunna.*—Have finished and dedicated our house of worship, but regret to say that spiritually we have been weakened. Believe we are being built up under the earnest preaching of Bro. E. Curtiss. Congregations and Sunday-school growing in interest.

*De Witt.*—Bro. A. R. Hicks still preaches once in two weeks. Rejoice that God has visited and revived us, but are sad to record the death of four of our number: Sister Polly Cook, Bro. R. M. Moore, Dea. Holmes, and Bro. S. A. Lockwood.

*Lainingsburg.*—The past few weeks have been those of embarrassment. Have had no stated meetings since the pastor resigned last March. Outlook discouraging, but are unwilling to give up. Pray the Lord to take the work in His own hands.

*Lansing.*—Have little to report, and mourn our coldness of heart. Pastor Murdoch closed a three years pastorate April last. Anxious to find a man of God's own choosing as an under shepherd.

Two of our number have been removed by death: Sister Sarah Curran, and our beloved Bro. Theron Ford.

*Maple River.*—The past year has not been one of marked success or failure. Have quarterly temperance meetings with good results. Pastor G. Atchinson must resign on account of inability to give him sufficient support. Our field is an important one. We occupy it alone.

*Morrice.*—Sorry we cannot report more progress. Are struggling to maintain our visibility. Bro. W. N. Welker preaches to us once in two weeks in the evening. Are engaged in a union Sunday-school.

*Newark and New Haven.*—No letter.

*Okemos.*—No letter.

*Ovid.*—Are without a pastor. In review of the past we can see much unfaithfulness. With sadness we chronicle the death of Sister Betsey Fisk, a consistent Christian. Observed the week of prayer with great profit.

*Owosso.*—Regret we cannot make a more joyful report. Are passing through severe trials, but there are some rifts in the clouds. Bro. T. S. Leonard began his pastorate in May last. Death has removed four of our members: Sisters Mary Barr and A. Brewer, Dea. Phineas Austin, and Bro. W. J. Whitney.

*Perry.*—Church quickened and built up under the labors of pastor W. N. Welker. Are financially weak, but trying to liquidate our indebtedness. Two members have been removed by death: Sisters Burlingame and Wallace.

*Pittsburg.*—Are few and feeble, but trying to maintain the cause of the Master in the midst of some opposition. Have preaching once in two weeks. Have no denominational Sunday-school.

*Shepardsville.*—Bid the Association thrice welcome to our house, our hearts, and our homes. Enjoy the labors of Bro. R. H. Covert as pastor. Can record few changes.

*St. Johns.*—Enjoy the labors now of Bro. R. H. Covert. Have had very little preaching the past year. Have repaired and new seated our house of worship. Have a live Sunday-school, though small.

*Vernon.*—Our pastor, Bro. R. R. Coon, Sen., has already gained a hold on our affections and in the esteem of the community. Have bought a parsonage, and made an addition to our house of worship. Feel deeply the loss by death of three of our noblest workers: Sister Elizabeth Button, Dea. Jacob Wilkinson, and Bro. Cornelius Cronkite.

*Webberville.*—Are increasing in union and strength. Have now one sermon a Sabbath by Br. W. A. Rupert of Williamston.

*Williamstown.*—With bleeding hearts have been called to part with our beloved Bro. J. W. Henry. He was laid low by sickness

and slowly recovered, but unable to do pastoral work. Have secured another pastor, Bro. W. A. Rupert, who seems worthy the important trust.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. WHITE.	<i>Dr.</i>
Collection for State Convention.....	\$5 00
Collection for Sunday-school Work.....	4 42
Baptist Publication Society, from Byron.....	5 00
Woman's Home Mission Society.....	1 50
Woman's Foreign Mission Society.....	1 00
State Missions.....	1 35
Printing Minutes.....	28 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b><u>\$46 52</u></b>

W. WHITE.	<i>Cr.</i>
Paid Rev. J. D. Pulis.....	\$9 42
Paid Rev. T. M. Shanafelt.....	5 00
Paid Rev. H. C. Beals.....	1 35
Paid Miss Potter.....	1 50
Paid Mrs. Coon.....	1 00
Paid Rev. G. Atchinson.....	28 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b><u>\$46 52</u></b>

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### OBITUARY REPORT.

It becomes our sad duty to record the fact that death has gathered an unusual number from earth's labors during the past year, yet while we feel the loss of their companionship and aid we are glad to know that the heavenly number has increased. Our honored dead rest from their labors and their works do follow them. Their godly conversations are held in fond remembrance. The number reported is twenty-four. Of these we would make special mention of Bro. S. A. Lockwood, a dear, good brother, strong in faith; Dea. Holmes, who walked with God and lived to a ripe old age; Bro. R. M. Moore, a worker in Sunday-schools; and Sister Polly Cook. These were a loss to the DeWitt church. Deas. Wilkinson and Cronkite, of Vernon, were pillars in the church, noted for their devotion and liberality to the cause of the Redeemer and their firm Christian character. The church suffers also great loss by the death of a noble Christian woman, Sister Button.

Dea. Theron Ford, of Lansing, deserves a prominent place in our report. He was one of God's children, of whom it may be said, "He counted all things as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ." These all died in faith to enter into the Saints' rest.

W. S. EVEREST, *Chairman.*

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### COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Committee on Resolutions presented the following:

(1) *Resolved*, That the special providences of God in opening the whole world to the gospel, and the wondrous results seen in our foreign mission work during the last ten years call upon *all* Christians, and especially *Baptist* Christians, to occupy and develop these fields for Christ until He come, and that State and Home Missions, Publication Society, Sunday-school Work, and Christian Education are in no wise second in importance, but rather to be considered as means by which the necessary prerequisites are to be provided for carrying on this work.

(2) *Resolved*, That we recommend strongly all our members and churches to *adopt* and *work* persistently for Christ's sake and the gospel's some plan of systematic contributions for *all* these objects.

(3) *Resolved*, That we recommend the plan of systematic benevolence as presented by Br. Rundell.

(4) *Resolved*, That the spiritual condition of our churches, the frequent sundering of the pastoral relation, the lack of energetic and persistent mission and Sunday-school work in our country school houses, these and other indications which appear in the reports from the churches, call upon us to make a serious and prayerful consideration as stewards in the Lord's heritage, and to make a diligent attempt to remedy these evils.

(5) *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the Association to work in connection with the like committee appointed by the State Convention in temperance work.

(6) *Resolved*, That our Christian literature should be more largely used as a means of informing our churches of the current denominational work, and in educating them in Christian doctrine.

GEO. ATCHINSON,

*Chairman.*

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	CLERKS.	PASTORS AND DELEGATES. (Pastors in Small Capitals.)	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dis'm'd by Let'r.	Excluded.	Died.	Present No.	Money for Min-utes.
Antrim.....	H. C. Cull.....	SIDNEY C. DAVIS.....	1	1	---	---	---	---	1	28	\$1 00
Bath.....	Hiram Tooker.....	Rev. A. R. HICKS, Willmina Wilhelm, E. Wilhelm, Hugh Gordon	4	1	2	---	1	---	---	25	1 25
Bengal and Riley.....	L. Benton, St. Johns.....	Rev. H. A. ROSE, Helen Karcher, Elizabeth Walker.....	5	5	---	---	---	1	2	25	53
Byron.....	F. B. Sheldon.....	Rev. ISAAC HORTON, I. E. Horton.....	4	4	---	---	9	---	---	72	---
Chesaning.....	B. G. Coryell.....	Rev. WM SHARP.....	4	3	1	2	6	1	1	45	1 50
Corunna.....	A. Wrigley.....	Rev. E. CURTIS, Dea. N. Lyman, L. M. Amsden, A. Wrigley, Mrs. C. P. Gale.....	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	72	---
DeWitt.....	Kate Grinold.....	Rev. A. R. HICKS, Dea. John Grinold, Kate Grinold, Lucretia Lankton, Sister S. A. Lockwood.....	2	2	---	3	---	---	1	32	75
Laingsburg.....	G. H. Keller.....	(No pastor), G. A. Keller, E. C. McKee.....	4	---	1	5	---	4	---	39	1 20
Lansing.....	E. F. Swan.....	(No pastor), Rev. A. H. Parsons, Dea. Lyman West and wife, and Miss V. V. Potter.....	---	---	---	5	---	---	---	39	1 00
Maple River.....	Calvin Flint.....	Rev. GEO. ATCHINSON, Myron H. Reynolds, F. N. Waugh, Eyr Mead.....	5	6	2	---	12	2	2	202	2 00
Morrice.....	A. P. Sutterly.....	Rev. W. N. WELKER.....	5	5	---	---	4	---	1	87	2 00
Newark and New Haven.....	S. Y. Dickinson.....	Rev. W. S. EVEREST and wife, Dea. S. Y. Dickinson.....	1	---	---	3	---	---	---	20	75
Okemos.....	R. Morton.....	Rev. I. K. SPENCER, Charles Hulett.....	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	53	1 00
Ovid.....	G. D. Briggs.....	(No pastor), Rev. John Martin, G. D. Briggs, G. Carpenter, L. Eiker, N. Herrick.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	1 25
Owosso.....	W. White.....	Rev. T. S. LEONARD, Rev. Joel Lyon, W. White, Sisters Peck, Beebe, White, Richards.....	1	3	---	1	10	1	4	230	3 00
Perry.....	Harvey Roberts.....	Rev. W. N. WELKER, Mary A. Welker.....	3	6	1	18	1	4	230	3 00	
Pittsburg.....	A. M. Hutchings.....	Rev. W. N. WELKER, Abram Hutchings and wife, Coe Knapp and wife.....	4	3	---	2	7	2	64	1 00	
Shepardsville.....	I. W. Welter.....	R. H. COVERT, Thomas Sturgis, I. W. Welter.....	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	12	50
St. Johns.....	C. R. Kniffin.....	R. H. COVERT, John O. Palmer, Mrs. H. A. Lee, Celia Smith, Alice Rose, R. R. Coon, Dea. Chas. Yerkes, Emeline Yerkes, Joseph Parmenter, W. M. Knight.....	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	45	2 00
Vernon.....	Chas. A. Whelan.....	Rev. W. A. RUPERT, Rev. E. M. Ney.....	6	6	---	4	1	---	---	45	1 50
Webberville.....	S. S. Rhodes.....	Rev. W. A. RUPERT.....	3	3	---	5	---	3	94	2 00	
Williamstown.....	J. A. Crossman.....	Rev. W. M. RUPERT, Rev. E. M. Ney.....	5	5	---	1	1	1	77	1 65	
Totals.....	.....	.....	22 53	6	6	153	15	27	1493	\$23 85	---

## CONTRIBUTIONS, ETC.

CHURCHES.	State Mis- sions.	Home Mis- sions.	Foreign Mis- sions.	Publication Society.	Christian Ed- ucation.	Other Objects.	Church Ex- penses.	Sunday-school Expenses.	Permanent Improve- ments.
Antrim .....			\$5 77				\$250 00	\$35 00	
Bath .....			1 50				175 00	20 00	\$10 00
Bengal & Riley	\$1 00	\$1 00	1 20					16 21	
Byron .....				5 00			50 00	20 00	
Chesaning .....	7 75						90 42		103 00
Corunna .....	12 00						285 00		1,000 00
DeWitt .....	10 65	12 30					2 00	6 68	
Laingsburg .....	1 00		4 50				45 00	12 00	
Lansing .....	18 36	30 00			\$6 47	\$200 00	1,565 00	97 30	47 75
Maple River .....		1 20		1 20	1 20	75 00	346 00	19 77	135 00
Morrice .....						1 00	100 00		
Newark & N. H. v'n	2 50								
Okemos .....							650 00	29 75	
Owosso .....	12 81	12 80		12 00	5 00		1,116 75	54 17	
Oyid .....	41 71		8 58		5 50	40 00	800 00	22 00	80 00
Perry .....									
Pittsburg .....									
Shepardsville .....		12 25					250 00	31 11	
St. Johns .....			5 06		2 40		168 00		
Vernon .....			14 75		13 50		850 00	30 00	400 00
Webberville .....	11 00						200 00	9 50	
Williamstown .....	Contri-	butio	ns no	t rep	orted				
Association .....			9 21		13 20				
Total .....	\$118 28	\$59 55	\$50 57	\$18 20	\$47 27	\$316 00	\$6,943 17	\$403 49	\$1,775 75

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Shiawassee Baptist Association was held at Shepardsville, June 7, 1882. In the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, Miss L. Parmenter was called to the chair.

After prayer by Rev. R. R. Coon, Sen., a Committee on Nominations was appointed, consisting of Mrs. W. White, Mrs. E. Curtiss, and Mrs. Rose.

A statistical report of the Circles and Band was then read by Miss Potter.

A resolution was then passed to devote the first quarterly meeting to the Bands of this Association, and the place of meeting is to be Lansing.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted, which resulted in the election of the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. H. Swegles, St. Johns; First Vice President, Mrs. H. Ford, Lansing; Second Vice President, Mrs. Horton, Byron; Third Vice President, Miss L. Parmenter,

Vernon; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. E. White, Owosso; Recording Secretary, Mrs. C. J. Gale, Corunna. Committee also recommended that Mrs. E. Curtiss act as Associational Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Miss Vesta Potter as Secretary of Home Missions.

A session was held in the evening, Rev. R. R. Coon in the chair. Reports of the Foreign work accomplished by the Circles and Bands was read by Miss Parmenter, showing an increased interest in the work. Miss V. V. Potter presented the work and needs of the Home field.

A session was also held the following day, Mrs. Swegles in the chair. After devotional exercises Mrs. Swegles spoke on Foreign Missions, in which she called Miss Frances Palmer the King's daughter. Other items of interest were also given.

MRS. H. SWEGLES,

*President.*

MRS. C. J. GALE,  
*Secretary.*

### RECORD OF MISSION CIRCLES.

NAME OF CIRCLE.	NAME OF SECRETARY.	No. of Members.	Foreign Missions, Cash.	HOME MISSIONS.	
				Cash.	Goods.
Bath .....	Mrs. Libbie Dolton.....	9	\$1 00	\$4 00	-----
Bengal and Riley.....	Mrs. W. A. Sutton.....	16	2 00	4 00	-----
Byron .....	.....	2	50	-----	-----
Corunna .....	.....	13	1 70	2 51	-----
DeWitt .....	Mrs. D. P. Goodsell.....	18	7 70	7 30	\$38 00
Laingsburg .....	.....	.....	6 75	-----	-----
Lansing .....	Miss Mary Parsons.....	18	20 55	15 50	226 00
Lansing Mission Band .....	Miss Anna Coryell .....	10	-----	11 00	-----
Maple River .....	Mrs. E. J. Cook .....	30	8 00	4 00	-----
Okemos .....	Mrs. S. C. Hulett.....	10	9 25	9 25	-----
Ovid .....	Mrs. A. S. Rose .....	14	5 79	2 75	2 00
Owosso .....	Mrs. W. White.....	31	29 58	9 51	36 50
Owosso Mission Band .....	Miss Rose Johnson.....	19	27 00	11 85	31 50
Perry .....	Mrs. M. A. Wetker.....	15	12 00	-----	-----
Perry Mission Band .....	Anna Austin.....	22	7 00	5 38	-----
St. Johns .....	Mrs. H. A. Rose .....	29	10 25	1 82	10 00
Ida Band .....	.....	14	5 43	-----	-----
Vernon .....	Miss E. Yerkes.....	29	12 00	6 35	19 00
Vernon Mission Band .....	Miss Carrie Brown.....	15	15 00	10 00	3 00
Williamstown .....	Mrs. I. W. Horton.....	25	6 50	3 50	-----
Williamstown Mission Band .....	.....	30	15 00	2 00	-----
St. Johns Young People .....	.....	.....	5 41	-----	-----
Delhi, Mrs. Wilson .....	.....	.....	1 00	-----	-----
Mrs. J. W. Henry .....	.....	.....	10 00	-----	-----
Sale of Photographs .....	.....	.....	2 50	-----	-----
Totals.....	.....	---	\$224 27	\$106 72	\$366 00



OFFICERS OF W. M. SOCIETY OF SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

President—Mrs. H. Swegles, St. Johns.  
 First Vice President—Mrs. H. Ford, Lansing.  
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 Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. E. White, Owosso.  
 Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. J. Gale, Corunna.  
 Associational Secretary of Foreign Missions—Mrs. E. Curtiss, Corunna.  
 Associational Secretary of Home Missions—Miss V. V. Potter, Lansing.

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CONSTITUTION ADOPTED BY THE SHIAWASSEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This organization shall be called the Sunday-school Department of the Baptist Association, and shall be auxiliary to the Michigan Baptist Sunday-school Convention or Association.

ART. 2. The object shall be to promote the interests of Baptist Sunday-schools in the bounds of the Association.

ART. 3. This organization shall be composed of the Pastors, Deacons, and Delegates of the Churches, and the Officers, Teachers, and Delegates of the Sunday-schools in the Association.

ART. 4. The Officers of this organization shall be elected annually, and consist of a President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and one Vice President from each Church and Mission School in the Association, of whom the President, Superintendent, Treasurer, and two Vice Presidents to be designated by the body shall constitute an Executive Board.

ART. 5. The Moderator of the Association shall be the President of this body, and the Treasurer of the Association shall be the Treasurer of this body.

ART. 6. The President and Treasurer shall discharge the usual duties of such officers.

ART. 7. The Superintendent shall keep a record of each meeting, and shall have a general oversight of the Sunday-school work of the body. He shall call the meetings of the Executive Board to arrange for the

meetings in Institutes and Conventions, circulate the programmes by correspondence or visitation, see that the work in each field is faithfully done, be the medium of correspondence with the State Superintendent, and secure and forward to him, at least one month previous to the annual meeting of the State Sunday-school Convention, statistics of the schools in his field.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make arrangements for the meetings of the body, to prepare its programme, select speakers, raise funds to defray its expenses, consider the wants of the field and appoint and plan work to meet them. They shall also aid the Vice Presidents to establish and maintain Baptist Sunday-schools.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of each Vice President to secure the organization of a Baptist Sunday-school under the care of the church of which he is a member; and also to organize and encourage mission schools in all adjoining neighborhoods where they are needed.

ART. 10. The annual meeting of this body shall be held in connection with the annual meeting of the Association. Other meetings shall be called at the discretion of the Executive Board.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present.



## OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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REV. R. R. COON, Moderator,	Vernon.
REV. A. H. PARSONS, Clerk, . . . . .	Lansing.
DEA. J. O. PALMER, Assistant Clerk, . . . . .	St. Johns.
DEA. W. WHITE, Treasurer, . . . . .	Owosso.
REV. T. S. LEONARD, Corresponding Secretary, . . . . .	Owosso.

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J. MARTIN, . . . . .	Ovid.
W. A. RUPERT and E. M. NEY, . . . . .	Williamston.

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The next anniversary will be held at Vernon, the first Wednesday in June next, commencing at 10:30 A. M. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. N. Welker. Alternate, Rev. W. A. Rupert.